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Applicant: Akira Ishino, et al.
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INCORPORATING A
PRINTER
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Sir:

I declare and say as follows:

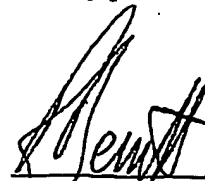
that I am the Robert Bennett of Birmingham, United Kingdom who is named as the inventor in U.S. Patent 6,041,574 ("the Patent") issued March 28, 2000 and consider myself as an ordinary person skilled in the art of packaging machines; and

that although the Patent described a method of printing a film at a form-fill-seal packaging machine as well as a form-fill-seal machine using the method, the idea of storing in a memory device correlation data correlating the operations of the packaging machine and the printer was not obvious to me.

All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. I am warned that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001) and

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